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Decision Memo

Big Obsidian Flow Toilet

Deschutes National Forest Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger District Deschutes County, Oregon

DECISION

On May 30, 2003, District Ranger Walter C. Schloer, Jr. authorized the installation of a prefabricated double vault toilet at Big Obsidian Flow Trail parking lot. The existing toilet will be removed and the new one located adjacent to the existing site. The new toilet will be handicapped accessible.

LOCATION

The project is located in Township 21 South, Range 12 East, Section 36, and is accessed by Highway 97 and County Road 21 which accesses Newberry National Volcanic Monument (NNVM).

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

The existing toilet structure is old, out of date and located in a place where it does not function well.

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It is shaded and protected from wind which would allow it to vent and smell better. The existing toilet is not accessible for wheel chairs.

There is a need to replace this toilet with a new barrier free double toilet, which will meet the needs of a high use trailhead, and will meet current technology.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will remove the existing toilet and fill in the vault hole. It will then require digging a hole approximately 10 x 15 x 5 feet deep. A double vault will be placed in the hole and a prefabricated concrete structure will be placed over the vault. The toilet will be placed so that the maximum benefit of the venting system is received.

FINDINGS

This decision is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 and Forest Service Environmental Policy and Procedure Handbook 1909.15. This decision falls within category 31.1b (4) as established by the Chief of the Forest Service for the repair and maintenance of recreation sites. I have reviewed the physical and biological conditions with resource specialists. I have concluded that the proposed activities are consistent with the intent of recreation management plans and in accordance with the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1990) as amended by the Inland Native Fish Strategy (1995), and the best science of the draft Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (2000). I have concluded that no extraordinary (see Note 1) circumstances exist which would indicate this action could have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

This decision may be implemented immediately upon my signature, and is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.8 (a) (4).

WALTER C. SCHLOER, JR.
DATE

Note 1: As defined by the Interim Direction "Clarification of Extraordinary Circumstances for Categories of Actions Excluded From Documentation" appearing in the Federal Register Vol. 67, No. 164, August 23, 2002.

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